

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/878,536

Applicant(s)

PATRICK, PAUL

Examiner

Ponnoreay Pich

Art Unit

2135

All Participants:

(1) Ponnoreay Pich.

(2) Thomas Plunkett.

Status of Application: Non-Final rejection

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 23 October 2007

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

n/a

Claims discussed:

1, 5, 18, 23, and 42-43

Prior art documents discussed:

Covington

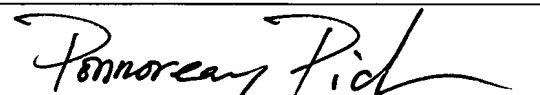
Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner had called Mr. Plunkett on 10/18/07 after having discussed the case with a primary examiner and stated that the case might be allowable except for some informalities that could be fixed via examiner's amendment and pending a review of some NPL documents that had not been delivered to the examiner yet. Mr. Plunkett agreed to the amendments to the discussed claims. Later, Mr. Plunkett called and left a message for the examiner stating that they will be sending in additional documents in an IDS. The examiner finished reviewing the documents submitted in the additional IDS on 10/23/07. One of the documents appeared to disclose the limitation that the examiner had wanted to allow the case for, thus the examiner called Mr. Plunkett to say that based on the Covington document listed in the IDS, the examiner did not think it was still a good idea to allow the application as it was possible that a pretty good obviousness rejection of the claims could be made. The document also gave the examiner an idea for additional search strategies which turned up additional relevant prior art documents. Mr. Plunkett agreed to receive an office action and stated that they will respond from there.